

BY: Senator ORTT

CONGRATULATING Joseph Conway upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service to the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and reward those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Joseph Conway upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service to the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The best public servants are those who take their roles and responsibilities seriously and look to enhance the quality of government; Joseph Conway is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Conway has dedicated his professional life to improving the way state government functions, working diligently to improve the lives of all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Whether it was in his role as a spokesman for former Governor George Pataki or in his capacities in the state Senate's press office, finance department, and as longtime Director of Conference Services, Joseph Conway has led with intelligence, distinction and personal grace; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Conway is a familiar presence in the state Capitol, particularly during the last week of March, where he can be spotted tracking down any and all relevant information about the state budget, keeping his staff and Senators and their constituents informed; and

WHEREAS, Known for his significant knowledge of policy and planning, Joseph Conway is even more well-versed in art, architecture, cinema, history and music; and

WHEREAS, One conversation with Joseph Conway could include the intricacies of the 2017 middle class income tax cut, the subtle nuances of Marcel Duchamp's, "Bicycle Wheel" and the appropriate amount of turbo shots to make an iced coffee from Dunkin Donuts more palatable; and

WHEREAS, This inspiring man has dedicated his professional career to advancing the causes he believes in without seeking personal recognition; and

WHEREAS, At home, he is an art collector and avid gardener, spending considerable time each year planting and maintaining gorgeous landscaping arrangements and beautifying the space in which he lives;

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WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Jane, and his family, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, Joseph Conway has rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to the State of New York, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Joseph Conway upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service to the State of New York, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Conway.